

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~support apparatus pedestal~~, comprising:

~~a base having a recess formed to receive a portable device, the portable device having a desktop portion and a display portion;~~

an anchor movably coupled to [[said]] the base to form a variable recess between the base and the anchor for receiving a portable computer device, the anchor being adapted to engage the portable device disposed in the variable recess; the anchor formed to engage the portable device when said desktop portion of said portable device is disposed in the recess of said base; and

a support ~~operably~~ moveably coupled to [[said]] the base, the support moveable to extend extending upwardly from the base for holding the ~~display portion of said~~ portable device.

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40. (New) The pedestal of claim 1, the portable device being disposed in a substantially upright orientation relative to a plane of the base when the portable device is disposed in the variable recess.

41. (New) The pedestal of claim 1, the support comprising a first portion and a second portion.

42. (New) The pedestal of claim 41, the first portion comprising an easel and the second portion comprising an easel extension.
43. (New) The pedestal of claim 42, a height of the support being selectively adjusted by sliding the easel extension relative to the easel.
44. (New) The pedestal of claim 42, the support further comprising a latch for locking the easel extension to the easel at a desired height.
45. (New) The pedestal of claim 44, the easel extension comprising a clamp for clasping a portable device disposed in the variable recess.
46. (New) The pedestal of claim 44, the height corresponding to a level of a display portion of a portable device disposed in the variable recess.
47. (New) The pedestal of claim 44, the height corresponding to a level of a desktop portion of a portable device disposed in the variable recess.
48. (New) A pedestal, comprising:
a base;
an anchor moveably coupled to the base;
a variable housing formed between the base and anchor for receiving a distal end of a portable device, the portable device including a desktop portion and a display portion; and
a support moveably coupled to the base and moveable to hold the portable device.
49. (New) The pedestal of claim 48, further comprising an activation mechanism for moving the anchor relative to the base to form the variable housing.
50. (New) The pedestal of claim 49, the activation mechanism being operable to move the anchor laterally away from the base.

51. (New) The pedestal of claim 48, further comprising, a spring loaded mechanism for enabling the support to extend in a substantially vertical orientation relative to the base.

52. (New) The pedestal of claim 51, the spring loaded mechanism opening a door coupled to the base, the door storing the support within the base.

53. (New) The pedestal of claim 51, the spring loaded mechanism extending the support to a substantially upright orientation relative to the base.

54. (New) The pedestal of claim 48, further comprising, a locking mechanism for engaging the distal end of a portable device disposed within the variable housing.

55. (New) The pedestal of claim 54, the locking mechanism operable to move the anchor towards the distal end of the portable device to form a secure relationship therewith.

56. (New) The pedestal of claim 48, further comprising a latching mechanism for holding the portable device in a secure relationship with the support.

57. (New) The pedestal of claim 56, the latching mechanism clasping onto the portable device.

58. (New) The pedestal of claim 48, further comprising a release mechanism for disengaging the portable device from the variable housing.

59. (New) The pedestal of claim 58, the release mechanism being operable to move the anchor away from the distal end of the portable device.

60. (New) A support apparatus, comprising:

- a base;
- an anchor movably coupled to said base to form a variable housing between the anchor and the base, the anchor operably moveable to engage a portable device when a desktop portion of the portable device is disposed in the variable housing;
- a support moveably coupled to the base, the support moveable to extend upwardly from the base for holding a display portion of the portable device; and
- the base, anchor, and support being configured to form a pedestal operative in a manner to cause the portable device to be positioned in a substantially vertical orientation relative to the base, the substantially vertical orientation including an ergonomic viewing position for the portable device.

61. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, the ergonomic viewing position including a portable device position with the display portion opened to approximately 180 degrees from the desktop portion in a vertical plane relative to said base.

62. (New) A method, comprising:

- providing a pedestal having,
 - a base;
 - an anchor moveably coupled to the base for engaging a portable computer device interposed within the pedestal;
 - a support moveably coupled to the base for supporting a portable computer device interposed within the pedestal;
- forming a recess for receiving a distal end of a portable device between the anchor and the base of the pedestal;
- extending the support for holding the portable device interposed within the recess; and
- engaging the portable device within the recess.

63. (New) The method of claim 62, the step of forming a recess between the anchor and the base further comprises moving the anchor laterally away from the base.

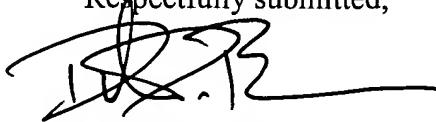
64. (New) The method of claim 62, the step of extending the support further comprising extending a first portion of the support to be substantially perpendicular to a plane of the base.
65. (New) The method of claim 64, the step of extending the support further comprising extending a second portion of the support relative to the first portion.
66. (New) The method of claim 65, the step of extending the support further comprising adjusting the second portion to a desired height.
67. (New) The method of claim 66, the desired height corresponding to a height of a display portion of the portable computer interposed within the recess.
68. (New) The method of claim 67, the display portion being positioned over a desktop portion of the portable device.
69. (New) The method of claim 66, the desired height corresponding to a height of a desktop portion of the portable device interposed within the recess.
70. (New) The method of claim 69, the desktop portion being positioned underneath a display portion of the portable device.
71. (New) The method of claim 62, the step of engaging the portable device further comprising moving the anchor laterally towards the base.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 23, 2004, and requests the Office to enter Applicant's Preliminary Amendment filed on October 27, 2003.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the content of this reply, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at 512/536-3005 is invited.

Respectfully submitted,

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